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I THINK I'M IN SHOCK.

LOOK, YOU KNOW THE STORY! AVERAGE HIGH SCHOOLER GWEN STACY WAS BITTEN BY AN IRRADIATED SPIDER AND GRANTED INCREDIBLE POWERS SIMILAR TO THOSE OF THE AMAZING SPIDER-MAN! AFTER A SERIES OF CALAMITIES, A SUIT OF SYNTHETIC SYMBIOTIC SLIME BECAME THE ONLY SOURCE OF GWEN'S ABILITIES – BUT REGARDLESS OF THEIR ORIGIN, GWEN USES HER POWERS FOR GOOD AS THE SUPER HERO CALLED GHOST-SPIDER.

KNULL, GOD OF THE SYMBIOTES, CONNECTED TO HIS ARMIES THROUGH A PSYCHIC HIVEMIND, HAS LAUNCHED AN ALL-OUT ASSAULT ON EARTH.

BECAUSE OF THE OTHERWORLDLY NATURE OF GWEN'S SUIT, IT IS ONE OF BUT A FEW SYMBIOTES KNULL HAS NO SWAY OVER.

BUT IF GWEN ISN'T CAREFUL, HER SUIT WILL MAKE HER A TARGET, AND WHETHER SHE KNOWS IT OR NOT, THIS MAKES HER A THREAT TO KNULL'S ONSLAUGHT...

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# GWENOM VS. CARNAGE
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THE MARVEL UNIVERSE. NOW.

EMPIRE STATE UNIVERSITY. WHERE I'M ATTENDING INTERDIMENSIONAL COLLEGE. MY *HOME*.

BURIED IN *SYMBIOTE GOO*. SO, YOU KNOW...

...THE *USUAL*.

GWEN STACY OF EARTH-65. THE HAUNTING GHOST-SPIDER.

MY NAME IS *GWEN STACY.* THIS ISN'T *MY* EARTH.

WHEN I GOT HERE AND SAID IT WAS GOING TO TAKE SOMETHING *BIG* FOR ME TO SUIT UP IN THIS DIMENSION, I DIDN'T MEAN IT *LITERALLY.*

IT'S *RAINING DRAGONS.* LIKE, LITERAL *DRAGONS.*

AHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHH!

BEST PART? THESE THINGS DON'T SET OFF MY SPIDER-SENSE AT ALL. ARE THEY DANGEROUS? UH, *YEAH.* CAN I FEEL THEM COMING?

THAT WOULD BE A NO. *N-O.* NOT HAPPENING.

THHHWP

THEY'RE RELATED TO *VENOM,* SOME SUPER VILLAIN WHO'S FOUGHT THIS WORLD'S *PETER PARKER*--BUT THAT'S ALL I'VE GOT HERE.

THE SCREAMING SOUNDED LIKE IT WAS COMING FROM SOMEWHERE RIGHT OVER--

AHHHHHHHHHHHHH!

--THERE.

HOLD ON, I'M COMING!

WHATEVER THIS STUFF IS...

I DON'T THINK I SHOULD *TOUCH* IT.

PLEASE, ANYBODY! HELLLP!

YOU GOT THIS, GWEN. THIS IS--

OH.

YOU'RE A SUPER HERO, AREN'T YOU?! *HELP ME!*

I'M ALWAYS A SUPER HERO. EVEN WHEN I'M BEING SEMI-RETIRED.

YOU CAN CALL ME GHOST-SPIDER HOLD ON!

THWWWIP

NNNNNGH!!

H-HANG ON!

DO YOU THINK I'D LET GO?!

AIIIGH!

AIIIIIIHHHHHHHH--

BLORP

NO, NO, NO! WE'RE GETTING YOU OUT OF THERE!

WE'RE GETTING YOU-- AHHH!

BLORP

SNAP

WHAT THE HECK WAS *THAT?*

H-HELLO? CAN YOU HEAR ME? ARE YOU ***ALIVE*** IN THERE?

I DON'T *UNDERSTAND!* HOW IS IT *STRONGER* THAN MY WEBBING?

THIS ISN'T POSSIBLE-- IT'S...IT'S MAKING HIM...

*...A MONSTER.*

WHAT THE WHAT NOW?!

THWIP

THWIP

I AM *SO* OUT OF MY ELEMENT WITH THIS.

WHAT THE @#!% WAS THAT?

TAP!

WHATEVER IT WAS, IT'S HAVING AN EFFECT ON *MY SUIT.* I CAN FEEL IT, *LIKE A SHADOW.*

SO I WON'T DO THAT AGAIN.

TLAC!

I'M BACK!

I NEED A *PLAN.* I NEED *PETER.* BUT FIRST...

BANG

...I NEED TO KEEP *MY ROOMMATES* SAFE.

OKAY, YOU ALL NEED TO STAY INSIDE!

YOU WERE SUPPOSED TO BE BACK AN *HOUR* AGO!

I WAS *TRYING* TO FIND US A WAY OUT OF HERE BEFORE THE *POWER* GOES OUT LIKE OUR *PHONES* DID! WE'RE THE ONLY PEOPLE IN THIS WING WHO MISSED *EVAC.*

I'M SORRY I WORRIED YOU. I'M STILL WILLING TO GO ON SCAVENGING RUNS, BUT IT'S **NASTY** OUT THERE.

THOSE **DRAGON THINGS** ARE EVERYWHERE, AND THE **GOO** IS SPREADING.

IT'S NOT **SAFE** OUTSIDE. I BARELY MADE IT BACK.

I'M SURE ***THE AVENGERS*** KNOW. THAT'S WHAT HEROES ARE FOR.

THEY SAVE PEOPLE.

YOU DON'T ALWAYS HAVE TO BE THE ONE WHO GOES OUT LOOKING FOR SUPPLIES, YOU KNOW. WE CAN **TAKE TURNS~**

NO! I MEAN, I'M CLAUSTROPHOBIC. BRR. I NEED TO GET **OUT** ONCE IN A WHILE.

WE **ALL** WANT TO GET OUT. HOW BAD CAN IT ACTUALLY **BE?**

**CARRIE!** YOU KNOW BETTER THAN TO **SAY** THAT!

SPLINTER

REEEEEEEEEE!

AHHHHHHHH!

HEY, **UGLY!** PICK ON SOMEONE YOUR **OWN SIZE!**

THIS

THIS

SREEEEEEEEEEE!

**COME ON!** CHASE THE GIRL IN THE COSTUME MADE OF LIVING SPIDERS, NOT THE INNOCENT CO-EDS!

NO IDEA WHAT WOULD HAPPEN IF THIS THING TOUCHES ME.

NO TIME TO BE CUTE.

NEED TO HIT IT WITH *EVERYTHING I'VE GOT.* NEED TO *WIN.*

CRRRCK

SREEEE!

AHHHH!

TWIP!

TWIP!

IT'S BLOCKING THE WINDOW. THE HELL AM I SUPPOSED TO *DO HERE?*

D-D-**DRAGON!**

NOT! **HELPING!**

COME ON! CHASE **ME,** DAMMIT!

YOU GIRLS STAY COVERED! **DON'T LET THE GOO TOUCH YOU!**

REEE!

LEAVE THEM ALONE!

REEE!

SCREEE!

KEEP COMING, BIG GUY! TASTY SPIDER-HERO STRAIGHT AHEAD!

TWIPP!

TWIPP!

WHEN ALL ELSE FAILS...

...BLUNT FORCE TRAUMA.

WHAM

I DON'T-- OOF--HAVE *TIME* FOR YOU RIGHT NOW!

NO ROOMMATES, BUT THREE *ROOMMATE-SIZED PODS* OF SYMBIOTE GOO.

NO...

I LED IT *AWAY.*

YOU WERE SUPPOSED TO BE *SAFE.*

REEEE!

YOU WERE PRETTY GOOD ROOMMATES. I'M SORRY.

REEEE!

NOW IS NOT THE TIME! I'M MOURNING!

WHAM

REEEEEEE!

I'M SO, SO SORRY.

THWIP

I SHOULD HAVE *SAVED* YOU. MAYBE I STILL CAN.

EITHER WAY, THAT DOESN'T MEAN YOU GET TO *EAT ME.*

RHEEEEEEEE!

LET'S FACE IT. THIS IS *NOT* HOW I EXPECTED TO SPEND MY DAY.

TWIPP!!

THEN AGAIN, I DOUBT *ANYONE'S* DAY IS GOING THE WAY THEY PLANNED.

THWIP

THWIP

SQUELCH

CAN'T TOUCH IT. CAN'T HIT IT. CAN'T *STOP* IT.

BUT AS LONG AS IT'S FLYING AWAY FROM THE DORM, IT'S NOT *HURTING* ANYONE.

WAIT FOR IT...
WAIT FOR IT...

REEEEEEE!

TURN, BIG GUY! TURN!

PHYSICS CAN BE FUN!

SPLAT

OKAY. OKAY. GOTTA FIGURE OUT WHAT'S GOING ON, FIND *PETER* OR *MILES*--THEY'LL HAVE THE SITREP...

NO, THAT'S NOT GOING TO WORK.

THIS STUFF--WHATEVER IT *IS*--IT'S ADAPTING. IT KNOWS IT CAN GET ME THROUGH THE *WEB*.

THWIP

GOOD THING I HAVE *OTHER* MEANS OF TRANSIT.

I SWORE I WOULDN'T USE MY *TELEPORTER NECKLACE* TO GO HOME UNLESS IT WAS AN EMERGENCY.

THIS COUNTS.

WHAT THE--

WHOOM

THIS ISN'T HOW IT'S SUPPOSED TO WORK!

WHAT IS *HAPPENING?!*

EARTH-65. NOT VERY LONG AGO.

YOU MAY AS WELL STOP **STRUGGLING, MISS WATSON.** THERE'S NO **POINT** TO IT ANYWAY.

IN THE ABSENCE OF OUR FAIR MISS **STACY,** I NEED YOUR HELP WITH A **PROJECT** I'VE BEEN WORKING ON.

YOU SEE, AFTER OUR LAST ENCOUNTER I WAS ABLE TO ACQUIRE SOME OF HER FASCINATING **SPIDERS.**

THEY'RE **BONDED** TO HER, AND SHE HAS A **BOND** WITH YOU.

I'M WONDERING IF THEY MIGHT **BRIDGE** THE **DIVIDE.**

NOTHING CAN KEEP GWEN STACY FROM **THE JACKAL.**

AHHHHHHHHHHH!

WHOOM

GWEN!

NOT THE OUTCOME I WAS EXPECTING...

AHHHHHHHHHHHHHH!

AHHHHHHHHHHHHHH!

FEELS LIKE I'M BEING *SPLIT IN TWO!* BUT IS THAT --IS THAT *MJ?!*

HANG ON!

WHAT IS *HAPPENING?!*

MJ! HOLD ON!

THIS ISN'T HAPPENING.

THIS IS *NOT* HOW MY NECKLACE *WORKS.*

I'VE GOT YOU, MJ. I'VE GOT YOU.

GWEN?!

WHAT THE HELL IS GOING ON?! WHERE ARE WE?!

HEY, MJ.

BEEN A MINUTE.

HANG O--

SLASH!

SPLORCH!

MJ!

--AHHH--

=GLUB=

MJ?

STILL THE MARVEL UNIVERSE.

INTERESTING.

KNULL. GOD OF SYMBIOTES.
KINDA RUNNING THIS NIGHTMARE PARTY.

WHAT ARE YOU, LITTLE LIGHT?

MINE. BUT NOT MINE. SOMETHING ELSE. SOMETHING OTHER...SOMETHING LIKE ME.

EVERYTHING IS MINE. AND NOW I SHALL ACQUIRE IT.

MJ, HOLD ON!

BLOOP

WOULD YOU LIKE TO KNOW HOW YOU'RE GOING TO *DIE?*

MJ?

MARY JANE ISN'T HERE, LITTLE SPIDER. ONLY KNULL.

AND AS HIS WILLING DISCIPLE, WE THINK WE NEED A NEW NAME. THE NAME OF OUR LORD'S MOST *FAVORED* CHILD.

YOU CAN CALL ME CARNAGE!

...OH #$^@.

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OKAY, THIS IS *BAD.*

IT DOESN'T JUST *LOOK* BAD. IT IS DEFINITELY, ABSOLUTELY, NO QUESTION ABOUT IT, *BAD.*

I THINK I'M IN SHOCK.

MJ IS SUPPOSED TO BE *SAFE* IN MY *HOME DIMENSION*, NOT *HERE*, COVERED IN *EVIL SYMBIOTE*. SHE'S SUPPOSED TO BE *SAFE*. THAT'S WHY I LEFT.

WHAT'S WRONG, GHOST-SPIDER?

KNULL GOT YOUR TONGUE?

WHAT THE HELL IS A *KNULL?*

DON'T WORRY! I CAN GET IT BACK!

NOPE!

NO TIME FOR THAT NOW. NEED TO FOCUS ON ONE THING, AND ONE THING ONLY: *SAVING MJ.*

MJ, I DON'T KNOW HOW THIS HAS *HAPPENED* TO YOU. I DON'T KNOW HOW YOU'RE *HERE--*

TAP!

--BUT WE'RE GOING TO FIGURE OUT HOW TO *FIX* IT. WE'RE GOING TO MAKE IT RIGHT.

ARE YOU SO *THREATENED* BY MY STRENGTH THAT ALL YOU CAN THINK TO DO IS *TAKE IT AWAY?*

I'M NOT *THREATENED, MJ!* LOOK AT YOURSELF! THAT THING IS GOING TO *KILL YOU!* YOU'RE NOT STRONG ENOUGH--

YOU DON'T KNOW *HOW* STRONG I AM!

YOU DON'T *KNOW* ME! YOU *LEFT* ME!

FLAV MUSIC STOP

I ALREADY TOLD YOU. FROM NOW ON--

YOU

SHOULD

CALL

ME

CARNAGE!

WHOA!

MJ-- CARNAGE-- I DON'T WANT TO FIGHT YOU.

AND I KNOW *YOU* DON'T WANT TO FIGHT *ME* EITHER! WE'RE *FRIENDS*, MJ!

...FRIENDS?

SINCE SIXTH GRADE...

...REMEMBER?

I REMEMBER...

PETER PARKER DIED IN YOUR ARMS!

I REMEMBER THAT YOU LEFT US!

YOU LET OUR WHOLE BAND, YOUR "FRIENDS," GET KIDNAPPED BY A MADMAN!

YOU MADE THE WORLD A WORSE PLACE, AND THEN YOU LEFT YOUR MESSES FOR US TO CLEAN UP!

I'M THE FRONT WOMAN! I'M SUPPOSED TO BE THE ONE WITH ALL THE POWER! BUT YOU HAD TO BE SPECIAL DIDN'T YOU?! WELL, NOT ANYMORE!

HAVE I REALLY HURT HER *THIS* BADLY?

HAS SHE ALWAYS BEEN THIS MAD AT ME, OR IS IT THE SYMBIOTE SPEAKING?

THWIP

THWIP

NO WONDER YOU HAD TO FLEE TO *ANOTHER WORLD*-- YOU'D ALREADY *RUINED* YOUR OWN!

TWIP!

YANK

SCREEEEEEEEE!

NEED TO STOP HER. NEED TO GET MY SUIT, THE *SPIDERS*, OFF HER...AND HER *AX*.

I CAN'T MAKE OBJECTS THIS BIG OUT OF *MY* SUIT...

THESE ARE MY SPIDERS, BUT THEY'RE RUNNING AWAY FROM ME...

WHAT THE--?!

DRIP

HA HAA HA HAAAA HA!

NOT YOURS, STACY! FOR ONCE, SOMETHING'S NOT YOURS!

NOTHING IS YOURS ANYMORE!

EVERYTHING BELONGS TO KNULL!

NOW COME HERE, LITTLE SPIDER!

FWEW

AHHHHHGH!

KNULL WANTS TO MEAT YOU.

AIGH!

I'M SORRY. MEET YOU.

AHHAHAHAAAAA!

WHERE... WHERE *AM* I?

WHAT THE...?

WAIT, WHY DOES IT FEEL LIKE I'M--

--FALLING?

AHHHHHHHHH!

THWP

SNAP

OKAY, PLAN B IT IS...

IS THIS PLACE REAL OR...?

NOWHERE FOR ME TO *LAND*. GUESS I JUST NEED TO FIND THE BOTTOM.

RRRIP

AHHHHH!

NOT HOW I WANTED TO FIND THE BOTTOM.

OW. IMPACT DOESN'T NORMALLY HURT THAT MUCH.

MJ!

YOUR FRIEND IS SAFE.

OR RATHER, WHAT *REMAINS* OF HER IS.

WHO ARE *YOU?*

ACCORDING TO THE COLORS YOU WEAR, YOUR GOD.

OKAY. THIS GUY.

I BET *THIS GUY* IS KNULL.

WHAT ARE YOU, LITTLE LIGHT?

WHY ARE YOU NOT *ALREADY* MINE?

WHERE I COME FROM, WE FIGURED OUT A LONG TIME AGO THAT YOU CAN'T OWN *PEOPLE.*

DID YOU NOW?

WELL, I OWN YOUR FRIEND.

I MUST ADMIT. MOST PEOPLE PUT UP MORE OF A *FIGHT.*

SHE HARBORS A LOT OF *RAGE* TOWARD YOU, LITTLE LIGHT. ANY IDEA WHY?

NO?

LET ME *SHOW* YOU.

EARTH-65. A LONG TIME AGO.

--AND WE'RE GOING TO BE THE **BEST** BAND, WE'RE GOING TO BE **SO FAMOUS,** AND--

UH-HUH.

--MAYBE WE CAN EVEN PLAY FOR **PROM,** AND--

--AND YOU'RE NOT LISTENING TO ME AT ALL, ARE YOU, GWEN?

UH-HUH.

AND YOU'RE GONNA LET ME **SHAVE** YOUR **HEAD.**

UH-HU-- WHAT?

**SEVERAL YEARS AFTER THAT...**

GWEN, MAKE SURE YOU DON'T RUSH THE--

**SLAM**

**AAAAAAAA!!**

WHAT THE HECK?!

GWEN--?

WHOA THERE, BIG BOY! YOU'RE NOT ON MY DANCE CARD!

WHAM WHAM RAAAAAA!!

WHERE *IS* SHE? THAT GIRL IS *NEVER* ON TIME.

IT'S LIKE SHE DOESN'T CARE ABOUT *OUR CHANCE* TO BE *SPECIAL.*

YOU SEE, CHILD? YOU NURTURED THIS RAGE.

I WOULD BE IMPRESSED IF I THOUGHT YOU HAD ANY IDEA WHAT YOU HAD DONE.

I--BUT-- NO. MJ'S MY FRIEND.

SHE WAS.

AND NOW SHE'S *MINE.* A CONDUIT BETWEEN WHATEVER *YOU* ARE AND MY GLORY, UNTIL YOU CAN ACCEPT IT.

WHAT DO YOU MEAN, *ACCEPT* IT?

CAN'T YOU FEEL ME KNOCKING?

YOU CAN'T COME IN!

WHAM

YOU DARE?

THIS IS MY DOMAIN. MY KINGDOM. AND AS THIS SPACE AT THE CENTER OF THE HIVE IS MINE, SO TOO WILL YOU BE.

WHAM

I'M NOT YOURS, AND NEITHER IS MJ!

SCREECH

I SUPPOSE WE'LL SEE.

AHAHAHAHAHAA!

GASP

YIELD TO KNULL!

NO. I DON'T THINK SO.

ARE YOU EVEN STILL *IN* THERE? MJ?

IF YOU CAN *HEAR* ME, *SAY* SOMETHING.

I TOLD YOU, MY NAME IS CARNAGE!

PLEASE, MJ, CAN'T WE *TALK* ABOUT THIS?

NO MORE TALKING!

NO MORE EXCUSES!

FIGHT BACK, YOU COWARD!

I AM *NOT.*

A COWARD!

WHAM

RRRAGH!

YOU'RE NOT SPECIAL ANYMORE!

AH!

I NEVER SAID...I WAS...

THEN WHY IS IT ALWAYS ABOUT YOU?!

BECAUSE YOU **WANT** IT TO BE!

I DIDN'T DO **ANY** OF THIS ON PURPOSE!

NOT EVER!

WE HAVE TO **FIX** YOU!

I'M PERFECT AS I AM!

IF YOUR SUIT IS ANYTHING LIKE MINE, YOU'RE NOT! IT'S GOING TO **KILL** YOU!

IT'S A **MONSTER**, MJ! AND IT'S **EATING YOU ALIVE.** I FEEL IT EVERY DAY, BUT MY POWERS HOLD IT OFF. I'M **RESISTANT** TO IT!

BUT YOU'RE **NOT. CARNAGE--** **MJ--PLEASE.**

YOU MEAN... NO NO

NO!

YOU'RE LYING.

I'M **NOT.** MY SUIT, IT'S NOT **NATURAL.** IT'S NOT EVEN **ALIVE** LIKE THE GOO ALL AROUND US.

IT'S **SYNTHETIC.** IT'S A PARASITE THAT YOU WERE EXPOSED TO, AND UNLESS WE GET IT **OFF...**

...IT'S GOING TO **KILL YOU!**

THEN I DON'T HAVE MUCH TIME.

AND YOU? YOU'RE NOT WORTH IT.

KNULL IS GOING TO MAKE ME A BIGGER DEAL THAN YOU EVER WERE.

I HAVE PLACES TO BE HOUSES TO ROCK--

PEOPLE TO KILL.

THWIP!

YOU'RE NOT GETTING AWAY FROM ME!

MJ! COME BACK HERE!

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# 3

WHEN I BECAME *GHOST-SPIDER*, IT TOOK ME SOME TIME TO ADJUST.

THWIP

I DIDN'T UNDERSTAND MY *POWERS*. I DIDN'T UNDERSTAND WHAT WAS *HAPPENING* TO ME.

I DIDN'T HAVE ANYONE TO *TEACH* ME.

AND WHEN I GOT A NEW SUIT THAT RESPONDS TO MY *THOUGHTS*, I THOUGHT I KNEW IT ALL.

I STILL NEARLY *LOST* MYSELF. I HAD TO *WORK* TO COME BACK TO *GHOST-SPIDER*.

BUT IF THAT'S WHAT HAPPENED TO *ME*...

...WHAT IS *MJ* LOSING?

STILL FOLLOWING ME? I GUESS I REALLY AM IRRESISTIBLE

I DON'T WANT TO FIGHT!

MJ, PLEASE.

YOU REALLY ARE A LITTLE HYPOCRITE, AREN'T YOU?

...WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?

YOU'RE ONLY HAPPY WHEN YOU'RE THE HERO. WHEN YOU'RE THE ONLY HERO.

YOU KILLED PETER ON PURPOSE, DIDN'T YOU?

HE WAS GOING TO KILL HARRY! HE WAS GOING TO HURT YOU! I HAD TO FIGHT HIM--

SURE. KEEP TELLING YOURSELF THAT.

YOU JUST COULDN'T LET HIM BE SPECIAL, NOT EVEN FOR A MINUTE. YOU HAD TO BE THE ONLY ONE.

YOU HAD TO WIN.

SCREEE!

BYE-BYE, GWENNIE!

HA HA HAHAHA HA HAAAA!

MJ!

HOW DID SHE KNOW THAT DRAGON WAS GOING TO BE THERE? SHE NEVER LOOKED *UP*.

WHEN I WAS WITH THAT FREAKY *KNULL* GUY, HE KNEW EVERYTHING SHE WAS THINKING.

HE SAID SHE WAS *HIS*.

THE DRAGONS ARE *HIS* TOO. I THINK... I THINK HE'S LIKE THAT NAZI BEE GUY, *SWARM*.

THEY'RE ALL *PART* OF HIM--THE DRAGONS, MJ.

THWIP!

KNULL WANTS ME, *MY SUIT*, TO BE A PART OF HIM TOO. THAT'S WHY HE KEPT ASKING WHY I WASN'T *HIS*.*

*SEE LAST ISH!
--DEVIN

WHEN MY *COSTUME* BONDED TO ME, I GOT A LITTLE OVERWHELMED.

THE SPIDERS THAT MAKE MY SUIT *FEEL* THINGS SO *BIG*, AND THEY *AMPLIFY* THEM INTO THEIR HOSTS.

THAT'S WHAT'S HAPPENING TO MJ. THESE ARE *HER* FEELINGS, BUT THE *SUIT* IS MAKING THEM *HUGE*.

THANKS FOR THE LIFT

THUD

BUT HER *SUIT* IS AT LEAST PARTIALLY *MINE*, NOT *KNULL'S*. I HAVE TO *SAVE* HER.

HEY, MJ!

WHAT, YOU AGAIN?

I GUESS YOU NEVER DID LEARN TO DEAL WITH *REJECTION*.

*THIS ISN'T YOU*. THIS IS THE *SUIT* TALKING. THIS IS *KNULL* TALKING.

IT DOESN'T HAVE TO BE THIS WAY.

I'VE *SEEN* THE WAY HE WORKS THROUGH HIS *HIVE MIND*. YOU'RE *ANGRY*. YOU'RE NOT *EVIL*. *KNULL* IS.

I AM MY SUIT!

WE ARE ETERNAL AND WE ARE GLORIOUS AND WE ARE BETTER THAN YOU!

SNAP

AGH!

I WAS ALWAYS BETTER THAN YOU.

RUN AWAY NOW, GHOST-SPIDER. MAYBE YOU CAN DITCH THIS DIMENSION TOO.

THIS IS KNULL. IT'S NOT MJ.

AND HE KNOWS DAMN WELL THAT I'M NOT GOING ANYWHERE.

SHE HAS A RIGHT TO HER ANGER. I BELIEVE IT'S HER OWN. BUT NOT LIKE THIS.

CRASH

NOT SO SOME GOTH KING FROM SPACE CAN TAKE HER AND MY SUIT.

THWIP

WHUMP

I FEEL IT THE INSTANT I MAKE CONTACT WITH MJ'S WEBS.

KNULL. SCRATCHING AT THE BACK OF MY SKULL.

UHN!

JUST NEED TO GET LOOSE...

KRRR

WE KNOW YOU'RE STILL HERE, GWENNIE

WE CAN FEEL YOU

HEH.

SHOPPING TIME!

WHAT THE HELL IS SHE...

N-N-NO! N--UG--

THWIP!

NO!

SCARED, LITTLE MAN?

MJ, STOP!

TIP

LASH

DON'T YOU KNOW HOW TO TAKE A HINT?

LEAVE THAT MAN ALONE!

WHAT MAN?

I ONLY SEE A SOLDIER.

=GLLLKL=

N-NO!

=GRRRGLGH=

HELP ME!

YOU DIDN'T HAVE TO **DO** THAT.

DIDN'T I? I **WANTED** TO DO IT

SO I DID. THAT SOUNDS NECESSARY TO ME

MJ, THIS ISN'T YOU. THIS IS **KNULL.**

I THINK I FINALLY SEE YOUR **PROBLEM.**

YOU STILL THINK THERE'S A **DIFFERENCE.**

**HE** GAVE ME WHAT YOU NEVER WOULD. **HE** GAVE ME **POWER.** POWER THAT YOU REFUSED TO **SHARE.**

I CAN'T! MY SUIT--IT WILL **KILL** YOU IF WE DON'T--

I'VE WASTED TOO MUCH **TIME** ON YOU ALREADY. I'M GOING TO MAKE MYSELF A **NEW** BAND, ONE THAT WON'T **EVER** RUN AWAY FROM ME **AGAIN.**

THHHWWWWWP

RRRP

MJ?

MJ!

THWIP

SHE WANTS TO MAKE A NEW BAND? SHE'S GOING TO NEED PEOPLE.

AND SHE'S GOING TO WANT THE BIGGEST *VENUE* SHE CAN FIND.

...I KNOW WHERE SHE'S GOING.

MADISON SQUARE GARDEN.

HELLO, LITTLE MICE. THE CAT'S BACK. TIME TO STOP YOUR MOUSY GAMES.

KOMMI

I'M NOT HERE TO **HURT** YOU. AS LONG AS YOU **HELP** ME. HERE, MOUSY MOUSY...

MOUSY

CAT'S GOT YOU!

HELLO? IS ANYONE HERE?

HUH. LEAST SHE WAS NICE ENOUGH TO LEAVE A TRAIL.

I JUST HOPE NO ONE ELSE HAS GOTTEN HURT.

YOU CAN'T RUIN *THIS* GIG. I HAVE A *NEW* BAND NOW.

SHE CARES MORE ABOUT THE BAND THAN SHE DOES *HURTING* PEOPLE. SHE'S STILL MJ IN THERE.

MJ...

I CAN STILL *SAVE* HER.

I KNOW YOU HAVE A NEW BAND! THAT'S WHY I'M HERE!

I WANT TO *CHALLENGE* YOU!

YOU AND WHAT *ARMY?*

JUST *ME.*

*PROVE* THAT YOU'RE BETTER THAN ME, MJ. *PROVE* THAT YOU DESERVE THIS MORE THAN I DO.

YOU'VE GOT AN EGO AND A *TEMPER,* BUT YOU'RE A *GOOD PERSON.* TAKE ME UP ON IT.

COME ON, MJ!

JUST YOU AGAINST MY WHOLE BAND?

ARE YOU INTO BEING CRUSHED? NEW *FETISH?*

I WON'T JUST *FIGHT* YOU... I'LL *DESTROY* YOU.

WHAMMMMMM

SOUND AFFECTS THE SYMBIOTES.

MJ IS PROBABLY THE WORST POSSIBLE HOST, OR, SHE WOULD BE IF SHE WASN'T SO MAD AT ME.

I CAN WORK WITH THIS.

BRRRRR!

SCUSE ME.

BUMP

DUN DUN DUN DUN

THREE

FOUR

ONE

TWO

BDUM BDUM BDUM

TING TING TING

ALL SYMBIOTES HAVE ISSUES WITH SOUND. AT FIRST, THAT WAS ALL THAT COULD BE USED TO *HURT* MINE.

BUT MJ'S ISN'T ENTIRELY *MINE*.

*KNULL* HAS A *HIVE MIND*. MY SUIT HAS ALWAYS *LISTENED* TO ME.

DUN DUN DUN DUN DUN DUN DUN DUN

GET OUT OF HERE, STACY! THIS IS *MY* BIG MOMENT!

BUM BUM BUM

DUN DUN DUN DUN DUN DUN DUN DUN

OKAY, NEW PLAN.

NEED TO GET CONTROL OF MY SPIDERS AND USE THEM TO *PURGE* KNULL.

COME BACK AND FIGHT ME!

RUN!

FIGHT *YOU?* I CAN DO THAT. JUST NOT THE WAY YOU WANT ME TO.

RRRRRIP

YOU BELONG TO *ME*. YOU'RE BONDED TO *ME*. THAT SYMBIOTE MADE YOU *HURT* ME.

BABIES... *KILL*.

YOU DID THIS!

NOT ON PURPOSE!

NOT LEAVING YOU, NOT THE SPIDERS, NONE OF IT!

WE HAVE TO FIX YOU!

I'M PERFECT AS I AM!

IF YOUR SUIT IS ANYTHING LIKE MINE, YOU'RE NOT! IT'S GOING TO KILL YOU!

I CAN LIVE WITH IT BECAUSE I'M RESISTANT TO RADIATION.

YOU'RE NOT. CARNAGE--MJ--PLEASE.

G-GWEN?

I DON'T FEEL SO GOOD...

...=(

YOU'RE GONNA BE OKAY, MJ.

YOU'RE GONNA BE OKAY.

WHOOO--

--OOON

WHAT?

NO!

NO! NO, NO... MY TELEPORTER NECKLACE IS STILL NOT WORKING. WHY IS IT NOT *WORKING*?!

*KNULL*. HE MAY NOT HAVE *ME*, BUT HE HAD *MJ*, AND THAT MEANS HE KNOWS MY SUIT NOW.

HE'S NOT LETTING ME *GO*.

I'M SORRY, MJ. I'M SORRY I *HURT* YOU. I NEVER MEANT TO.

I'M SORRY I'M ALWAYS *LEAVING*.

WELL, THIS TIME, YOU'RE COMING *WITH* ME.

I'LL GET YOU SOMEWHERE SAFE UNTIL I FIGURE OUT WHAT'S WRONG WITH MY NECKLACE, BUT RIGHT NOW, I'M NEEDED *ELSEWHERE*.

RIGHT NOW, I NEED TO FIGURE OUT HOW TO *FIGHT A GOD*.

THE END!

SCREAM

WE ALL MAKE SACRIFICES

A SUPER VILLAIN NAMED SHRIEK SACRIFICED HERSELF FOR THE ONE SHE LOVED

TOO BAD IT WAS CARNAGE, AND HE REPAID HER BY RIPPING HER SPINE OUT

HE USED HER BODY AS A VESSEL TO RESURRECT THE DEMON CALLED

...DEMAGOBLIN

NOW DEMAGOBLIN HAS BEEN LURING INNOCENT CHILDREN INTO HER OWN KIDDIE CULT

TRAIL WENT COLD A FEW DAYS AGO

BUT IT'S BEEN A CRAZY WEEK.

THE GOD OF THE SYMBIOTES, KNULL, HAS COVERED THE WORLD IN A SYMBIOTE DOME AS HIS LEGION OF DRAGONS TERRORIZE AND DEVOUR THE PEOPLE OF THIS CITY

STILL. DEMAGOBLIN'S BEEN BRAINWASHING HOMELESS BOYS AND GIRLS INTO BLINDLY FOLLOWING HER.

KNULL, THE CREATOR AND GOD OF THE SYMBIOTES, ONE OF HIS *PETS* NEARLY *KILLED* ME

SHE'S USING HER DEMONIC HELLFIRE TO HYPNOTIZE HER DISCIPLES.

ACOLYTES, SHE CALLS THEM

NO MORE

WE WILL PUT HER BACK IN THE GROUND NOT JUST BURY HER.

WE'RE SENDING HER ALL THE WAY BACK TO HELL, WHERE SHE BELONGS

SMASH

# SCREAM

**ANDI BENTON**, human host to the symbiote **SCREAM**, has her own complicated history with symbiotes. From the death of her father and being imbued with a demonic Hell-Mark that provides her with hellfire powers, to fighting the hybrid might of Scream's four symbiote siblings, Andi and Scream have forged an unbreakable bond. Through it all, Andi has persevered to become one of the most resilient symbiote heroes Earth has to protect it.

SCREAM! THERE YOU ARE, DARLING...

FOR WEEKS, WE SENSED A DARK FORCE COMING SINCE CLETUS KASADY RELEASED IT

I WAS GETTING WORRIED YOU WOULDN'T FIND ME.

SLAK

KRAST

WITH SHRIEK'S ABILITIES AND HER HELLISH POWERS, DEMAGOBLIN IS DANGEROUS ENOUGH ON HER OWN. BUT NOW...

...SHE'S GOTTEN HERSELF AN ARMY

YOU'RE TOO LATE.

AN ARMY OF KIDS

DON'T YOU SEE? THE BLACK RAIN. THE LIVING ICHOR FROM THE SKY.

GOD SAID, "I SHALL SEND A GREAT PESTILENCE UPON YOU"...

BUT THIS TIME, IT IS A PESTILENCE THAT WALKS AMONG US! THAT FLIES THROUGH THE AIR AS MAGNIFICENT BEASTS!

THAT CONSUMES THE MEN AND WOMEN OF THIS CITY, DELIVERING THEM TO THEIR JUST REWARDS DESPITE THEIR PROTESTS! WE MUST ***WELCOME IT*** WITH OPEN ARMS!

DON'T HURT THEM, SCREAM.

EASIER SAID THAN DONE, AND I

I WAS JUST LIKE THEM. STILL AM, IN A WAY.

HURT. ALONE. NOWHERE TO GO. NO ONE TO HELP.

NOT ANY LONGER.

HAVE TO GET THEM TO SAFETY AND THEN DEAL WITH--

SSKRREEEE

SPLCH

SLAM

SUCH A WASTE! EVEN NOW I CAN FEEL YOUR TRUE POWERS SIMMERING WITHIN...

BUT YOU'D RATHER STIFLE YOUR GIFTS. ***SUPPRESS*** YOUR HELL-MARK AND ITS WONDROUS FIRE! A FLAME UNLIKE ANY OTHER ON EARTH, GIVEN TO YOU BY ***THE UNDERWORLD*** ITSELF!

KRUK

KRUK

KRUK

ONLY SOMEONE ***UNWORTHY*** OF THEIR HELLFIRE WOULD SEE IT AS A CURSE.

SHUK

SHUK

SHUK

NOT A GIFT.

A CURSE.

OUR CURSE.

CROSSHAIR

AAAHAHAHAHAHA!

THOOM

TIME TO SPREAD THE GOSPEL!

KRASH!

FIRST WE NEED TO SAVE THE CHILDREN.

CAN'T CHASE AFTER DEMAGOBLIN NOW. SAVE HER FOR LATER.

THAT MEANS WE MUST

...ADAPT

THIS SHOULD BE THE LAST OF THEM

ARE YOU SURE? HARD TO SEE... TOO MUCH SMOKE

THERE. ONE MORE

THWIP

GOT YOU.

HOLD ON!

EVEN NOW THESE CHILDREN ARE TRAPPED IN DEMAGOBLIN'S SWAY

THOOM

MUST BE A FORM OF HER DARK EMPATHY

SHE HAS DRAWN OUT THEIR PAIN, THEIR SENSE OF ABANDONMENT.

SHE MAKES THEM FEEL LIKE THEY FINALLY BELONG SOMEWHERE. NOW THEY BELONG TO HER.

KRAK

WH-WHA? WHERE AM I?

YOU'RE SAFE, CHILD. YOU ALL ARE.

GO TO F.E.A.S.T. IT'S TEN BLOCKS UP THAT WAY. FIND MAY PARKER. TELL HER THAT--

KRREEEE!

AGH! CAN'T HEAR OURSELVES THINK UNDER DEMAGOBLIN'S SONIC SCREAM!

AGH! CAN'T HEAR OURSELVES THINK UNDER DEMAGOBLIN'S SONIC SCREAM!

LOOK ABOUT YOU! THE ANGELS HERALD *HIS* ARRIVAL!

HIS WRATH IS NOW UPON US! LET THOSE WHO HAVE SINNED *FALL TO THEIR KNEES!*

DEMAGOBLIN HAS AN AERIAL ADVANTAGE

WE NEED MORE LEVERAGE

THERE YOU ARE! LOOK AT YOU...

...SCUTTLING TO HIDE, LIKE ALL THE OTHER VERMIN IN THIS CITY.

YOU CANNOT HIDE FROM GOD'S MIGHTY WRATH!

HIDE? WE DON'T WANT TO *HIDE*. WE'RE HERE TO...

BOOM

BOOM

...FLY.

CAN YOU FLY WITHOUT YOUR GLIDER, DEMAGOBLIN?

LET'S SEE!

GET OFF ME!

SEE IF HE ANSWERS!

WHY NOT PRAY TO YOUR GOD NOW?

SHUK

SHUK

THOOM

OOOF--

THUD

THAT ROOF CAME UP QUICKER THAN I THOUGHT.

MUST PICK OURSELVES UP BEF--

YOU ARE SUCH A WASTE OF A *HELL-MARK!*

HUMANS, ALWAYS RUNNING FROM YOUR DEMONS! TRYING TO HIDE WHO YOU ARE!

*WHAT* YOU *TRULY* ARE...

DON'T YOU SEE? YOU'RE NOT WRESTLING *WITH* YOUR INNER DEMONS...

SLAK

YOU *ARE* A DEMON.

FW

NOOOOO

FWWWOOOOOOOOOM

PLLEEEEASE

SSSHK

YOU ARE RIGHT, DEMAGOBLIN... ENOUGH TURMOIL.

GLLK!

ENOUGH *TRAUMA.*

WE ARE TIRED OF BELIEVING WE ARE A VICTIM.

OUR *PAIN* HAS MADE US *STRONGER.* OUR *SCARS* ARE OUR *HISTORY...*

SHK

...AND OUR SCREAMS ARE OUR LEGACY.

SHK

SHK

LEGACY, YES. HISTORY, OF COURSE. THAT'S ALL THAT'LL BE LEFT OF YOU...

LOOK.

I DON'T *NEED* TO LOOK I... *WE* ALREADY FEEL IT. FEEL *HIM.*

KNULL

THE KING IN BLACK

CAN YOU FEEL IT? THIS POWER?

HARK! THE LORD HAS SENT ME A DELIVERER! THE PESTILENT KING HIMSELF!

TOO LATE, SCREAM...TOO LATE TO SAVE YOUR INNOCENT CHILDREN.

TOO LATE TO SAVE THIS MISERABLE CITY.

THE COLD DARK THAT SWEEPS OVER?

KNULL IS HERE.

WE COME FROM THAT DARKNESS THAT DARKNESS WAS OUR HOME

LET HIS CLEANSING COMMENCE!

THE CLOSER HE COMES THE MORE THAT DARKNESS SWEEPS OVER US.

SEEPS INTO US

OH, HOLY MASTER...WE KNEEL BEFORE THEE...

WE DO NOT DESERVE TO BE GRACED BY YOUR PRESSENSSSS--

SILENCE.

THUK

YOU TALK TOO MUCH

MMPH-HRMM-HMMPH!

LEAVE US.

YOU. WE HAVE SENSED YOU AND THE FAINT LIGHT WITHIN YOU BEFORE.

UH.

WHY ARE WE NOT FIGHTING?

CAN'T

CAN'T BRING OURSELVES TO HURT A GOD.

OUR GOD.

YOU HAVE BEEN A THORN IN MY SIDE SINCE I FIRST WOKE. YOU EVADED CARNAGE AND YOU KILLED ONE OF MY CHILDREN.

I INTEND TO REPAY YOU IN KIND. YOU...

...AND YOUR HOST.

I WILL REND YOU FROM HER FIRST. THEN HER FLESH. THEN THE LITTLE SPARK THAT BURNS WITHIN HER.

YOU WANT THE LIGHT INSIDE OF US? COME AND TAKE IT.

SUCH SPIRIT!

LET'S SEE HOW WELL YOU FARE AGAINST ANOTHER OF MY DRAGONS, NOW THAT THEIR MASTER IS NEAR.

SPLOOOSH

I FEEL KNULL'S PSYCHIC ASSAULT THE SECOND THE DRAGON TOUCHES ME. AND I'M NOT ALONE

MY SYMBIOTE FELT IT TOO

TOO POWERFUL...

I'M SORRY AND I...

I KNOW, SCREAM, BUT I NEED YOU RIGHT NOW, BECAUSE RIGHT NOW...

SOMETHING TO PLAY WITH.

SSSSNK

...WE'RE FALLING!

CAN'T REGAIN OUR BALANCE. CAN'T KEEP OURSELVES FROM--

MY PROGENY HAVE TOILED SO HARD. THEY DESERVE A NEW TOY.

SWOMP

PAIN. TRYING TO MINIMIZE THE PAIN.

THERE'S TOO MUCH...

TOO MUCH...

PAIN.

SCREAM?

HOLD ON TO ME!

STAY WITH ME!

SCREAM?!

DON'T LET G--

SCARED

DON'T
DON'T
DON'T

D-DON'T... LET GO... OF...

MEEE...

GET UP

GOT TO...

...FIGHT

FIGHT

THAT'S IT. COME ON. YOU CAN DO IT.

WE CAN DO IT

FIGHT FIRE...

...WITH HELLFIRE.

FWWOOOOM

SSKRREEEEEEEE!

SSSKRREEEEE--

SCUUL-P

RRRAAAAWR!

NOT HAPPENING TODAY. SORRY...

LEARN FROM OUR PAIN. FEEL IT. UNDERSTAND IT.

HARNESS IT.

OUR PAIN IS OUR STRENGTH.

FWOOOM

HOW UNFORTUNATE.

THE GALAXY HAS SULLIED MY PROGENY. THEIR HOSTS HAVE TAINTED THEIR PURITY.

CORRUPTED THEM WITH WILLFULNESS. INSOLENCE. IT IS TIME YOU LEARNED TO...

...RESPECT YOUR ELDERS.

NEVER!
SKRRREEEEEE!
KRSHH
WHEN WILL YOU LEARN?
YOU CANNOT STOP ME.
THOOM
YOU CANNOT EVEN BEGIN TO COMPREHEND MY POWER.
I KNOW YOUR THOUGHTS BEFORE THEY MANIFEST EVEN WITHIN YOUR OWN MIND.
SPLCK
SPLCK
SPLCK
I KNOW BECAUSE YOUR THOUGHTS ARE MY THOUGHTS.
CHOP
YOUR BLOOD IS MY BLOOD.
JOIN ME.
THUK
IT IS YOUR ONLY HOPE FOR LIVING ANOTHER DAY.

NOT TRUE.

WE NOW HAVE FIRE.

HELLFIRE.

HERE. HAVE SOME!

YES, AND! CAN FEEL IT THROUGH THE HIVE! THIS HURTS HIM! HE IS WOUNDED...

FWOOOSH

AND PISSED. GUESS THIS GOD'S NOT AS INVINCIBLE AS HE THINKS HE IS.

WELL, WELL, YOU CERTAINLY ARE FULL OF SURPRISES.

I DON'T LIKE SURPRISES.

TIME TO EXTINGUISH YOUR TINY FLAME.

LOOK UPON ME, CHILD. SEE THE FACE OF YOUR DEMISE.

WE HAVE A BETTER IDEA...

OH? INDULGE US.

LISTEN CLOSELY, AND HEAR USSS...

KA-BOOOM

BROWN

MCLEOD

SCREEEAAM!

HOW...

HOW DOES ONE...

HOW DOES ONE HARNESSSS...

HHOW DOES ONE HARNESS SSSUCH...

SIMPLE. IT'S ALL WE'VE EVER FELT. ALL WE'VE EVER HAD.

IT'S WHAT BONDS US. MAKES USS ONE.

FORGED IN HELLFIRE.

KRIK

...PAIN?

WE'VE GROWN TIRED OF THESE GAMES. YOU'VE AMUSED US...

...WHICH IS WHY WE'LL LET YOU LIVE. FOR NOW. UNTIL WE DECIDE WHAT TO DO WITH YOU.

WE'LL SAVE YOU THE TROUBLE. JUST KEEP YOUR EARS PEELED. THE NEXT ONE TO SCREAM...

...WILL BE YOU.

WAS THAT WISE? TAUNTING HIM?

WHO KNOWS? WHO *CARES*. WHAT MATTERS IS.

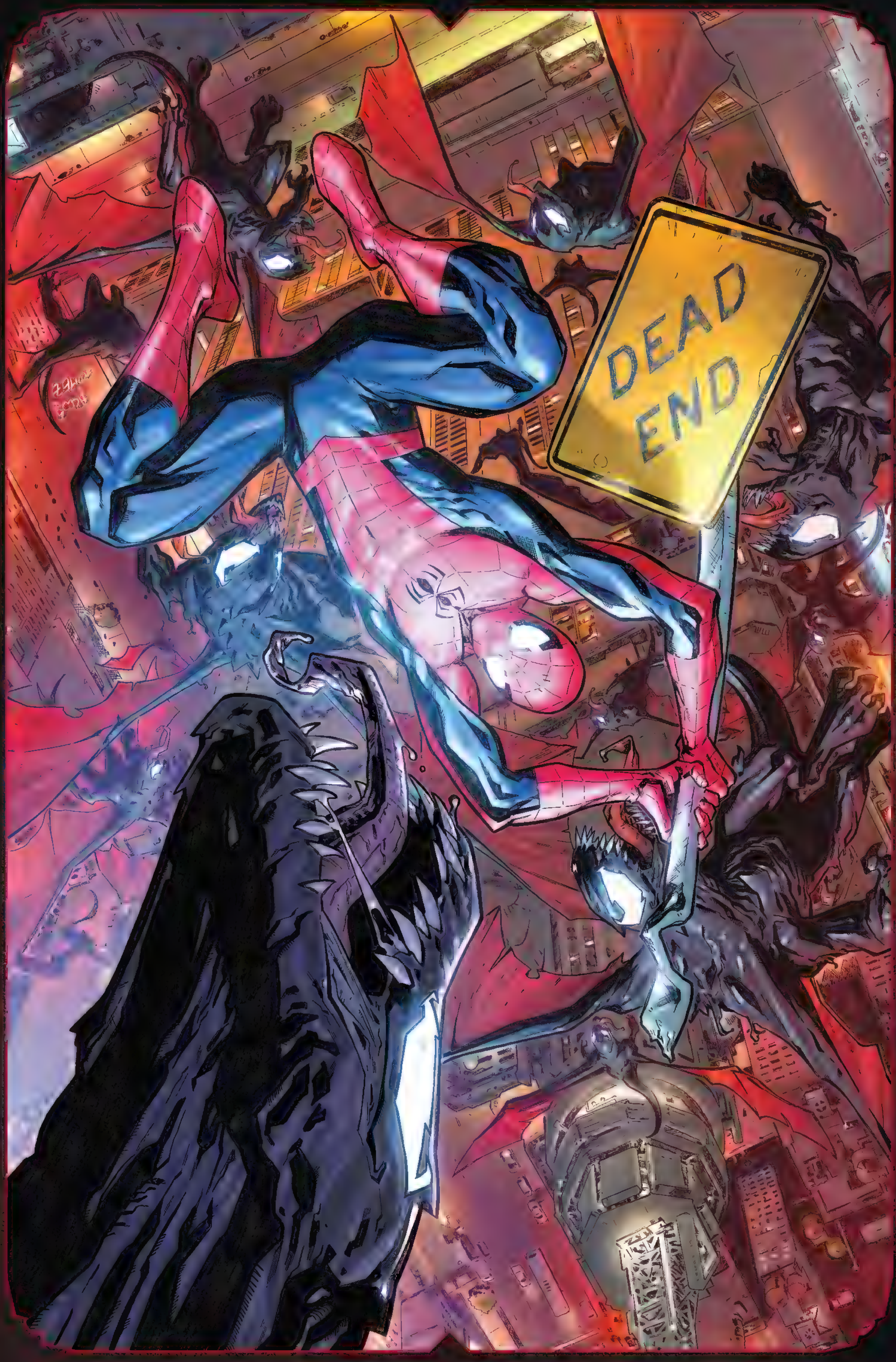
NOW WE KNOW WE CAN HURT HIM.

THE END.

SCREAM #1 VARIANT BY
**RYAN BROWN**

SCREAM #1 STORMBREAKERS VARIANT BY
**R.D. SILVA**

SPIDER-MAN



WHEN I WAS A KID, I WANTED TO WIN A **NOBEL PRIZE.**

I LIKED **SCIENCE.** AND THE **BEST** SCIENTISTS? THEY **WON NOBEL PRIZES.**

IT WASN'T TILL **LATER** THAT I LEARNED THAT ALFRED NOBEL SET UP THE NOBEL PRIZE TO **ATONE** FOR HIS INVENTIONS. MOST NOTABLY, **DYNAMITE.** WHICH FOLKS MADE **BOMBS** OUT OF.

THE STORY GOES, HE OPENED UP THE NEWSPAPER ONE DAY AND SAW HIS **OWN OBITUARY** THERE, PRINTED BY **MISTAKE.** IT READ, *"THE MERCHANT OF DEATH IS DEAD."*

NOBEL WAS A GREAT SCIENTIST. HE UNDERSTOOD GUILT.

I'M SPIDER-MAN.

*AND THIS IS ALL MY FAULT.*

# the AMAZING SPIDER-MAN

**PETER PARKER, THE AMAZING SPIDER-MAN,** first encountered symbiotes when he unknowingly brought one back to Earth after a secret war on a foreign planet named Battleworld. Soon, Peter realized the danger of this alien symbiote that was posing as his costume and separated from it.

**EDDIE BROCK** bonded with the symbiote next, and together they became **VENOM**. As Knull arrived, Venom—once one of Spider-Man's greatest foes, now an ally—seemed to be the planet's only hope…until he was dropped from the Empire State Building to his death.

EVER SINCE I BROUGHT THAT *THING* BACK WITH ME, EVER SINCE IT ALL WENT WRONG...

...EVERY DEATH IT CAUSED HAS BEEN *ON ME.*

BREATHE.

*BREATHE.*

EVERYONE *VENOM* HAS HURT.

AND THEN EVERYONE *CARNAGE* HAS HURT.

AND THEN *ALL THE OTHERS.*

AND NOW...

JUST GOTTA *BREATHE.*

...THE *WORLD* IS *ENDING.*

AND IT ALL GOES BACK TO *ME* BRINGING THE SYMBIOTE TO EARTH, ALL THOSE YEARS AGO.

*PATIENT ZERO* OF A *GLOBAL INFECTION.*

AND NOW, *DYLAN BROCK...*

GOD.

WHAT A TIME FOR A PANIC ATTACK.

WHOOSH

WHA--

OH NO.

HEART'S STILL RACING.

COLD SWEAT. SHALLOW BREATHING. THE SHAKES.

BUT THAT DOESN'T MATTER.

I'M SPIDER-MAN.

AND I'M ON THE CLOCK.

MOJ

WAAAAUGH!

--POW!

WAAAAUGH!

--KA--

OKAY. NOTHING TO IT. JUST LIKE CLOBBERING THE VULTURE.

AND I'VE BEEN DOING THAT SINCE I WAS A KID AND HE WAS A SLIGHTLY LESS ELDERLY MAN.

WHA--
SPIDER-MAN?!
SPIDER-MAN!
WAIT. IS THAT...?
REPTIL?!
UH-OH.
UH-OH.
THWIPP!
WHAT THE HECK, SPIDEY?!
I'M SORRY! I THOUGHT YOU WERE A SYMBIOTE DRAGON!
I WAS A PTERODACTYL! I WAS HELPING GET SOMEONE TO SAFETY!
I KNOW THAT NOW!
SPIDER-MAN! THREAT! MENACE!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING OUT HERE? I THOUGHT YOU WENT TO AVENGERS ACADEMY? IN CALIFORNIA?
SPIDEY...AVENGERS ACADEMY CLOSED, LIKE, YEARS AGO.
...
I KNEW THAT.

ANYWAYS, IT'S *YOUR FAULT* THAT I'M HERE.

WHAT?

YOU'RE MY *INSPIRATION!* YOU KNOW, *FRIENDLY NEIGHBORHOOD SPIDER-MAN*, ALWAYS THERE FOR THE *LITTLE GUY!*

LOOK...

...ONE THING I LEARNED FROM DR. PYM?

*KNOW YOUR CAPABILITIES. THOSE... THINGS--I **CAN'T HANDLE THEM.*** I WOULDN'T DO ANY GOOD.

YEAH, OKAY...I UNDERSTAND THAT.

I MEAN, I'M JUST A KID WHO CAN TURN INTO DINOSAURS.

HEY, ANY TIME YOU WANT TO TRADE, LET ME KNOW.

PEOPLE *LIKE* DINOSAURS...

*NO! SIGNAL!*

BUT WHAT I LEARNED FROM *YOU...*

...IS THAT *SAVING PEOPLE* IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN *FIGHTING PEOPLE.* MAYBE I CAN'T FIGHT THOSE MONSTERS...

...BUT THAT DOESN'T MEAN THAT THERE AREN'T PEOPLE OUT THERE WHO ***NEED HELP.***

THAT'S MRS. VOLKOV. SHE NEEDS TO GET HOME. I'M GOING TO MAKE SURE SHE GETS THERE OKAY.

BECAUSE THAT'S WHAT ***YOU*** WOULD DO.

YEESH.

IF ***ALL*** PYM'S KIDS TURNED OUT LIKE THIS ONE...

...THE AVENGERS BETTER WATCH OUT FOR THEIR ***JOBS.***

THERE'S NOTHING I CAN DO FOR EDDIE. FOR DYLAN. BUT THIS KID...

YOU...

YOU WANT SOME HELP?

WOO!

REPTIL AND SPIDEY, SAVING THE DAY!

ARE YOU ***SURE*** YOU DON'T HAVE ANYWHERE MORE IMPORTANT TO BE?

LIKE YOU SAID, KID.

"KNOW YOUR CAPABILITIES." ***THIS*** IS SOMETHING I CAN HELP OUT WITH.

SO, MRS. VOLKOV, WHERE ARE WE TAKING YOU?

...

SHE'S, UH, A BIG ***DAILY BUGLE*** FAN FROM WAY BACK, I THINK.

ANYWAYS, THAT'S ANOTHER REASON I COULD USE YOUR HELP.

WHERE'S STATEN ISLAND?

***STATEN--?!***

YOU DIDN'T TELL ME WE WERE GOING ALL THE WAY TO ***STATEN ISLAND!***

DO YOU KNOW HOW ***FAR AWAY*** THAT IS?!

***THWIPP!***

I'M FROM ***NEVADA,*** MAN! I DON'T KNOW ***NEW YORK!***

IT'S...

IT'S GOING TO BE A ***HIKE***. LIKE, FIVE MILES OVER ***OPEN WATER.***

HEY, NO PROBLEM. I CAN CARRY YOU BOTH.

YEAH.

NO PROBLEM.

VEER RIGHT, THEN.

WE NEED TO GET CLEAR OF THESE ***DRAGONS FIRST.***

THE KID HAS THE RIGHT IDEA.

I GOT OVERWHELMED BACK THERE. KNULL, VENOM, ALL OF THIS... IT'S TOO MUCH. CAN'T SEE THE ***EVIL SPACE-FOREST*** FOR THE ***COSMIC MONSTER GOO-TREES.***

FOCUS ON WHAT YOU ***CAN*** DO.

FOCUS ON ***ONE PERSON.*** ONE PERSON YOU CAN ***HELP.***

MAYBE I'M NOT DOCTOR STRANGE. MAYBE I'M NOT THOR OR IRON MAN OR CAPTAIN MARVEL OR ANY OF THOSE GUYS WHO **CAN** HANDLE WHAT'S GOING ON.

MAYBE I'M JUST SOME JERK FROM QUEENS WITH RADIOACTIVE SPIDER-BLOOD.

MAYBE IT **IS** ALL MY FAULT.

THWIPP!

BUT I CAN **HELP ONE PERSON** AT LEAST.

AND **THAT'S** WHERE YOU START.

SO...JUST KEEP FLYING IN THIS DIRECTION?

YEEESSS...?

MOST OF THE LIGHTS ARE OUT ON STATEN. I HADN'T EXPECTED THAT.

I THOUGHT WE'D BE ABLE TO JUST FOLLOW THEM.

WAIT...

...THERE.

THE FERRY.

HEAD FOR THE FERRY.

WOW.

NO MOON, NO STARS, NO LIGHT... IT'S LIKE WE'RE FLYING THROUGH SPACE. THERE'S NO POINT OF REFERENCE EXCEPT THE FERRY'S LIGHTS.

IT'S A LIGHTHOUSE. A BEACON.

OH NO...

BUT THE THING ABOUT *BEACONS*...

...THEY ATTRACT ALL SORTS.

S-SPIDEY?

**IT'S ENORMOUS.** THERE ARE JUST THE TWO OF US, AND THAT THING IS ENORMOUS.

WE CAN'T POSSIBLY FIGHT IT.

...

WE'VE GOT TO FIGHT IT.

THERE ARE PEOPLE ON THAT FERRY. LOTS OF THEM.

WE DON'T HAVE A CHOICE HERE, KID. I'M SORRY.

SPIDEY, I-- THIS IS THE BIGGEST FLYING DINOSAUR I CAN TURN INTO!

I CAN'T TURN INTO A DRAGON OR ANYTHING!

*HMM.*

AND A T. REX WOULDN'T BE GREAT, NOT IN THE HARBOR.

BUT I THINK I HAVE AN IDEA...

"...SO LISTEN UP."

HEY, LISTEN, I DON'T HAVE A TICKET...

SPIDER-MAN!

WE'RE HERE TO HELP--

YOU AND *HER?*

NO, THIS IS MRS. VOLKOV. I'M TALKING ABOUT THE KID OUT THERE WHO CAN TURN INTO DINOSAURS.

DINOSAURS? HAVE YOU SEEN THE ***SIZE*** OF THAT THING?

YEAH, THE THING ABOUT THAT?

"YOU GOT YOUR DINOSAURS ON THE ***LAND,*** YOU GOT YOUR DINOSAURS IN THE ***SKY...***

"BUT SOME OF THE ***BIGGEST, MEANEST,*** DINOS..."

...LIVED IN THE *WATER.*

SPLASH

YOU--

YOU SAVED US! WE'RE GOING TO BE OKAY!

NOT SO FAST, PAL.

THE KID BOUGHT US TIME IS ALL.

WHAT?!

ONLY WAY TO MESS THOSE THINGS UP IS WITH *LIGHT* AND ***ELECTRICITY.***

YOU GUYS HAVE ANY, LIKE, LASERS ON BOARD? ANYTHING LIKE THAT?

N-NO?

THEN WE BETTER HOPE THAT YOU HAVE SOME SERIOUS GENERATORS ON THIS TUB.

TUB?

THIS IS AN *OLLIS-CLASS FERRY,* PAL. BRAND NEW.

WE RUN ON *FOUR* EMD 12-710 DIESEL ENGINES.

OUR *EMERGENCY* GENERATOR *ALONE* PUTS OUT 400,000 KILOWATTS.

YOU WANT JUICE?

WE GOT JUICE.

WELL, *ALL RIGHT.*

LET'S *PUT IT TO WORK,* THEN!

WE NEED TO LAUNCH THE LIFEBOATS!

THERE'S A MONSTER OUT THERE!

*TWO* MONSTERS!

WHOA!

SPIDER-MAN?!

ARE YOU GOING TO *STOP THE MONSTERS?*

WHAT GOOD CAN *YOU* DO? WHERE'S *CAPTAIN MARVEL?* WHERE'S *THOR?*

OKAY, WAIT, LISTEN--

NO, PLEASE, I'M--

IT'S YOUR FAULT.

IT'S YOUR FAULT.

IT'S YOUR FAULT.

SHUT UP!

THIS SPIDER-MAN *WANTS* TO *HELP.*

WHICH IS SHOCKING. I KNOW. ALWAYS I THINK, HE IS *THREAT,* HE IS *MENACE.*

BUT HE HELP ME.

AND WHEN HE SEE YOU, YOUR SHIP AND YOUR MONSTER, HE *COULD* HAVE SAY, "OH, IS NOT *SPIDER-MAN'S* PROBLEM. IS PROBLEM FOR CAPTAIN MARVEL OR BLOND PRETTY-MAN THOR.

"NOTHING SPIDER-MAN CAN DO, OH WELL."

HE COULD JUST GO ON, SAVE *ONE PERSON,* SLEEP GOOD AT NIGHT.

BUT HE TELL *POLITE DINOSAUR BOY* THAT THEY MUST HELP YOU. HELP *US.*

*SO LET HIM.*

"UHH, RIGHT, WHAT SHE SAID.

"LOOK, I DON'T KNOW IF THIS IS GOING TO WORK...

"...BUT THERE'S A KID OUT THERE FIGHTING HIS HEART OUT *FOR US.*

"HE CAN'T BEAT THAT THING. HE CAN'T. HE KNOWS THAT.

"BUT HE'S FIGHTING *ANYWAY.* BECAUSE *WE NEED HIM TO.*

"HE KNOWS HIS CAPABILITIES.

"SO LET'S MAKE IT WORTH IT.

"LET'S SHOW THIS MONSTER WHAT HAPPENS...

"...WHEN YOU MESS WITH NEW YORK *PUBLIC TRANSIT.*"

OKAY.

YOU AND ME, BIG GUY.

THIS IS WHAT IT ALL COMES DOWN TO.

LET'S DO OUR *MOBY DICK ROUTINE.*

I'VE BEEN TELLING MYSELF THAT THIS IS ALL MY FAULT.

BUT WHEN SOMETHING IS YOUR FAULT, THAT MEANS *YOU CLEAN IT UP.*

"FROM HELL'S HEART I STAB AT THEE."

HEH.

YOU *HANDLE* IT. YOU *TAKE RESPONSIBILITY.*

AND RIGHT NOW, RIGHT HERE, I'M NOT SHAKING, I'M NOT PANICKING ANYMORE.

MY HEARTBEAT IS EVEN.

MY HANDS ARE STEADY.

I'M EXACTLY WHERE I SHOULD BE.

BETWEEN THE MONSTERS AND THE PEOPLE WHO NEED ME.

SHAK

...WOOO...

SPLARPP

WHUMP

THAT'S WHAT YOU GET!

THAT'S WHAT YOU GET WHEN YOU MESS WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION!

GROSS.

WAIT, THE KID-- WHERE'S THE KID?

WOW, THAT WAS AMAZING!

YOU ZAPPED THAT THING INTO BLACK SNOT!

ARE YOU KIDDING? YOU WENT TOE TO TOE WITH--

WELL, *WING* TO *FLIPPER*--

WHATEVER! THAT WAS INCREDIBLE!

I AM GLAD YOU ARE NOT DEAD, POLITE DINOSAUR BOY.

I THINK I WILL TAKE FERRY REST OF WAY HOME.

THE FLYING, IT IS NOT SO GOOD FOR ME.

OKAY, MRS. VOLKOV, WHATEVER YOU WANT.

WELL, WE DID IT.

WE GOT MRS. VOLKOV HOME. WE HELPED ONE PERSON AND ENDED UP SAVING A BUNCH MORE.

SO... WHAT DO WE DO NOW?

WHAT ARE YOU, NEW?

(JK, JK.)

WE DO IT ***ALL OVER AGAIN.***

MAYBE WE CAN'T BEAT UP AN ALIEN SPACE GOD. BUT THERE ARE STILL PLENTY OF PEOPLE OUT THERE WHO NEED HELP TONIGHT.

YOU UP FOR IT?

OH YEAH.

Hey Abuelito

you still holding up okay?

boy i live in sparks Nevada

the sky is dark, that's it

stupid aliens aren't interested in anything in sparks Nevada

you okay?

Better than okay

Working with Spider-Man, saving people

should be home in sparks Nevada

where it's safe

I know where Sparks is, Abuelito. Don't have to keep telling me

THAT'S IT. WE'RE UP.

don't get smart with me

stupid phone keeps changing it to sparks Nevada.

Gotta go

Love you

stay safe boy

you're the only one i have left

LET'S DO IT.

THIS IS PRETTY BAD.

ALIEN SNOT ALL OVER EVERYTHING, ALIEN DRAGONS (MADE OF, YOU GUESSED IT, ALIEN SNOT) FLYING AROUND AND EVEN WORSE THINGS RUNNING AROUND...

...I ALMOST FEEL ***BAD*** ABOUT HOW ***GOOD*** I FEEL.

I'VE ***BEEN*** IN BAD SPOTS.

HAVING THE ***ABSORBING MAN*** AND ***TITANIA*** COME AFTER ME, ALL HOPPED UP ON ***EVIL ASGARDIAN HAMMERS*** WHILE OUR ***INTERDIMENSIONAL BASE*** COLLAPSED INTO NOTHING.

GETTING MY ***BODY STOLEN*** BY MY ***OLDER SELF*** SO HE COULD KILL MY ***FRIENDS.***

AND NEITHER OF ***THOSE*** SITUATIONS WERE ANYWHERE CLOSE TO...

***...TO MURDERWORLD.***

AFTER *THAT?*

AFTER *29 DAYS* TRAPPED IN AN ARTIFICIAL WORLD WHERE A *PSYCHO* WAS THE NEXT BEST THING TO *GOD*, AFTER BEING FORCED TO FIGHT A BUNCH OF OTHER SUPER-POWERED KIDS, AFTER GETTING *NUKED* ALMOST TO *DEATH*...

...THIS IS *NOTHING.*

ALIEN INVASION? COOL. NO *PROBLEM.* I CAN *WORK* WITH THAT. *CLASSIC* HERO STUFF.

DO YOU KNOW *HOW MANY* ALIEN INVASIONS I'VE SEEN JUST IN *MY* LIFETIME? AND I CAN'T EVEN *RENT* A *CAR!*

I THINK IT'S OKAY.

WE SHOULD LEAVE SOME MONEY. WE CAN'T *JUST TAKE* THE WATER.

I MEAN, *I* DON'T HAVE ANY MONEY.

ALL THOSE POCKETS AND YOU DON'T HAVE ANY MONEY?

I'M A KID! I DON'T CARRY CASH! DON'T *YOU* HAVE ANY MONEY?

SIGH. ANOTHER *SPIDER-I.O.U.* IT IS.

NO, *THIS* IS SOMEWHERE I CAN DO *GOOD.*

MAYBE I'M NOT IN THE BOSS FIGHT.

BUT THAT DOESN'T MAKE ANY DIFFERENCE TO THE PEOPLE ON THE GROUND HERE.

AND NOT JUST THEM.

I'VE HAD *THREE HEROES* IN MY LIFE.

*HECTOR AYALA.* THE WHITE TIGER.

SHOT BY COPS.

*HANK PYM.* TOO MANY NAMES TO COUNT.

KILLED BY ULTRON.

AND *SPIDER-MAN.*

JUST...

JUST NEED A *MINUTE...*

THEY DON'T *HAVE* A MINUTE.

LET'S GET BACK OUT THERE.

I WANT TO BE A *HERO.*

I WANT TO BE AN *AVENGER.*

I WANT TO *HELP PEOPLE.*

AND THE BEST WAY I CAN DO THAT IS TO LEARN FROM ONE OF MY HEROES, BY *DOING THE JOB.*

AND BY BEING HERE WITH HIM--TO HAVE HIS BACK, TO MAKE SURE HE DOESN'T END UP LIKE ALL MY *OTHER* HEROES.

BECAUSE HE'S *SPIDER-MAN.*

HE'S THE *REAL THING.*

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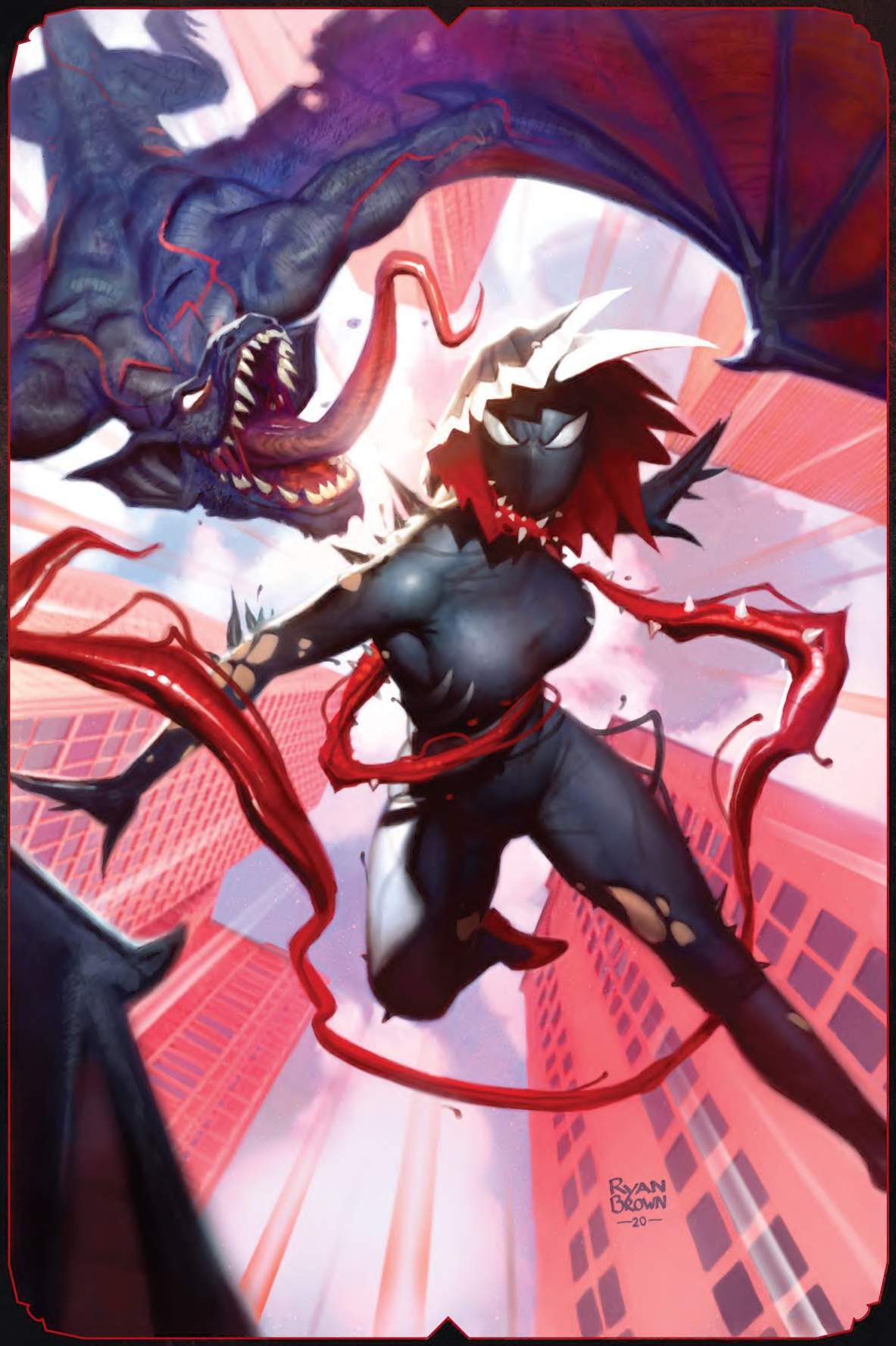


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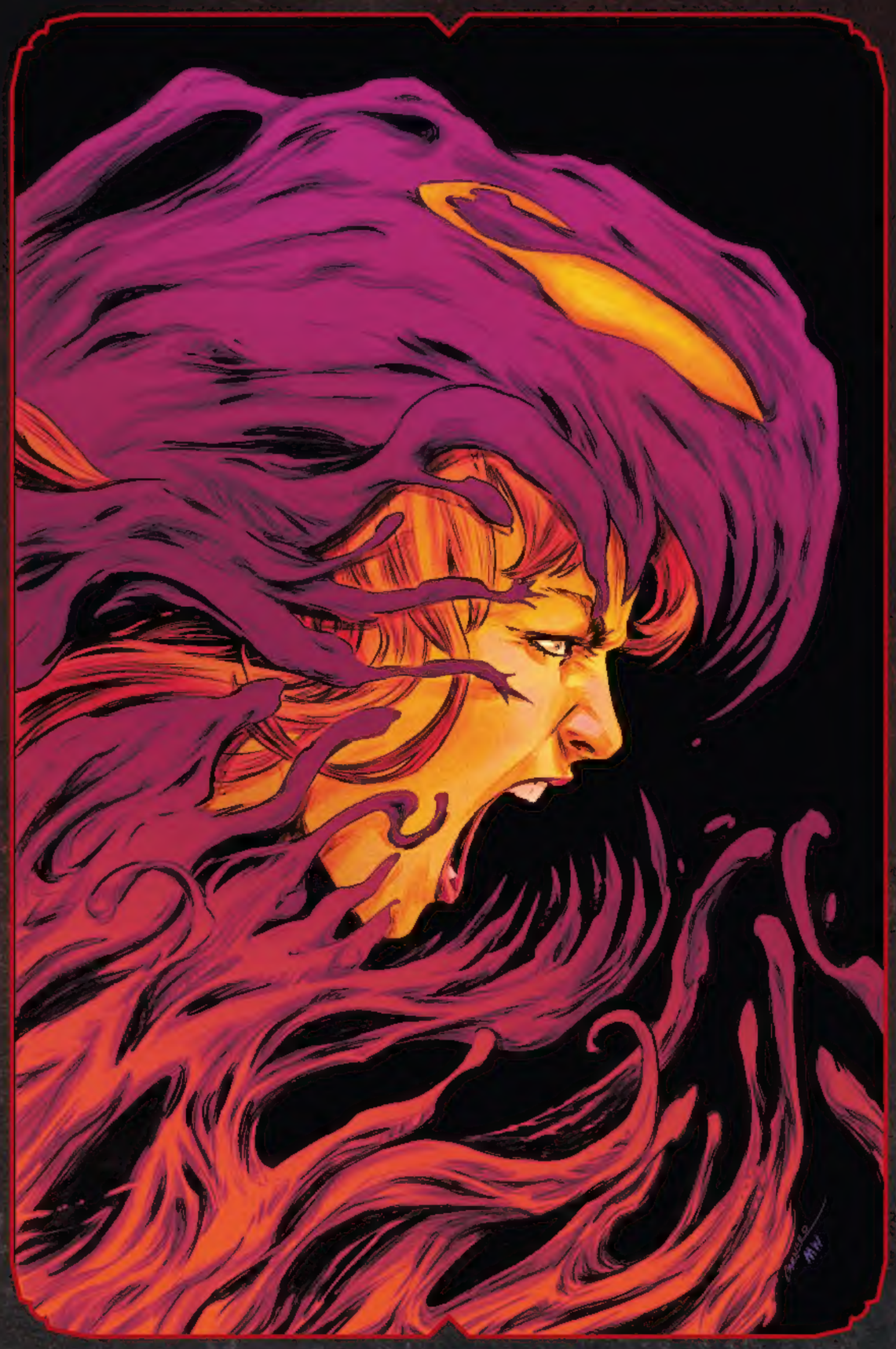

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